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Attachments: 6_29_21 Ltr IG AA Khanna Disclosure.pdf

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AA Freedhoff, I am resending this because I sent it to the wrong address. See below and attached.

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From: Timothy Whitehouse
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Inspector General Sean O'Donnell

Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Assistant Administrator

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Dear Inspector General O'Donnell, Assistant Administrator Freedhoff and Associate Assistant Administrator Siciliano:

Yesterday, PEER filed a Congressional disclosure to Rep Khanna's office presenting evidence from four EPA scientists that we represent. The disclosure outlines disturbing evidence of fraud and corruption in OCSPP, involving deliberate tampering with chemical risk assessments conducted under TSCA, including PFAS, and the deletion of potential health effects without the knowledge or consent of the human health assessors. We sent a copy of the disclosure to the IG and the Assistant Administrator's office.

Today, we understand the transmittal letter for the disclosure and possibly the allegation document itself were sent to a number of people within EPA, including to people named in the allegation document and to employees who would not appear to have a need to see this disclosure or to know the names of the whistleblowers.

Although we do not know who was responsible for the release, we do not believe it was appropriate to release our clients' names in this manner. We expect, as EPA moves forward with this investigation, that the IG and the Assistant Administrator's office will ensure that there is no retaliation against these whistleblowers and that the integrity of the independent investigatory process and document retention needs at EPA will be maintained.

Sincerely,

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